

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 31824
Kiminobu HIRATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 4387
Application No.: 10/576,720 : Group Art Unit: 3748
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For: ENGINE CONTROL APPARATUS :
AND ENGINE OPERATING :
METHOD :
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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

Sir:

This paper is in response to the final Office Action dated July 10, 2008, the period for reply having been extended by three months from October 10, 2008 to Monday, January 12, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.